



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(Case No. 00-1124-A)

In re Application of:	)	
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Mirkin <i>et al.</i>	)	Examiner: A.K. Alanko
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Serial No. 09/998,936	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 1765
Filed: November 30, 2001	)	
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For: Nanoparticles Having Oligonucleotides	)	Confirm. No.: 5912
Attached Thereto and Uses Therefor	)	

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed August 13, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks. In addition, a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for an Extension (one month) is attached.